EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) and (b) The total investment in the rural development sector during the 8th plan of the order or Rs. 30,000 crores. Of this the investment in the IRDP during the 8th Plan period was of the order of Rs. 7384.71 crores.

(c) and (d) Based on the results of the Concurrent Evaluation of Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) carried out by the Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment 16% of families assisted under IRDP were able to cross the poverty line of Rs. 6400/- during 1989. As per the preliminary results of Concurrent Evaluation of IRDP carried out during September, 1992 to February, 93, about 50% of assisted families could cross the poverty line of Rs. 6400/-.

Metalling of Katcha Road

482. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal/request/representation from the residents of Basot a nearby village, District Almora, for metalling of the Katcha Road from Mohan to Harara-Chauri Ghatti and Ghatti to Basot;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon alongwith the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when the above stated work is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Construction of rural roads is a State subject.

कास्टिक सोडा का उत्पादन करने वाली इकाईया

483. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:**
श्री अनन्तराम जायसवाल:

क्या **रसायन और उर्वरक** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) देश में कास्टिक सोडा का उत्पादन करने वाली कितनी इकाइयां हैं और उनकी उत्पादन क्षमता क्या है;

(ख) वर्तमान में कास्टिक सोडा सहित प्रमुख रसायनों के उत्पादन और उनकी खपत का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या कास्टिक सोडा की इकाइयों में इसका उत्पादन उनकी क्षमता के अनुरूप नहीं है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या अनेक रसायनों का उत्पादन भी उनकी क्षमता के अनुरूप नहीं है;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं और इनके उत्पादन में कमी के कारण ऐसी इकाइयों के कार्य-निष्पादन पर क्या असर पड़ा है; और

(च) सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में क्या कारगर कदम उठाए गए हैं?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुआर्डो फेलेरियो) (क) से (च) देश में 37 कास्टिक सोडा उत्पादन इकाइयों की कुल अधि स्थापित क्षमता 13.11 लाख टन है। वर्ष 1994-95 में क्षमता उपयोगिता 88.17 प्रतिशत थी जो पूर्ववर्ती वर्ष की तुलना में 6 प्रतिशत अधिक थी उर्जा बहुल कास्टिक सोडा उद्योग में क्षमता का अच्छा उपयोग है और यह मांग जरूरतें पूरी करता है। कुछ आयातित रसायनों का उत्पादन वर्ष 1994-95 में निम्न प्रकार था:

क्रम सं॰	रसायन का नाम	1994-95 में उत्पादन (मात्रा हजार टनों में)
1.	कास्टिक सोडा	1156.
2.	सोडा ऐस	1408.6
3.	कैलसियम कारबाइड	97.4
4.	ऐसटिक ऐसिड	177.4
5.	ऐसोटिक्स ऐसिड	90.0

6.	ऐसिटिक्स एनहाइड्राइड	32.7
7.	फीनैल्स	57.8
8.	मैथानोल	376.8
9.	नाइट्रोबन्जिन	30.1
10.	ओथरो नाइट्रो क्लोरो बैनजीन	4.9
11.	पैरा नाइट्रैरो क्लोरो बैनजीन	10.0

Gold Reserves in the Country

484. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the gold reserves found in the country during 1994-95;

(b) the names of the States in which gold reserves have been found; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for mining of these reserves?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG):

(a) and (b) During 1994-95, gold reserves were estimated as follows:

I. Geological Survey of India (GSI)
   (i) Gavaniwonda Block, *Andhra Pradesh*
   −0.4 million tonnes with grade 6 gm/tonne.
   (ii) Hira-Buddini Block, *Karnataka*
   −0.47 million tonnes of grade 11.99 gm/tonne
   (iii) Chinmulgund area, Dharwar dist., *Karnataka*
   −0.8 million tonnes with grade 3 gm/tonne.
   (iv) Kappil Sector, Malappuram distt., *Kerala*
   −0.065 million tonnes 1.75 ppm gold.
   (v) Gurharpahar area, Sidhi belt, *Uttar Pradesh*
   −1 million tonne of grade 1 gm/tonne.

II. Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) has proved gold reserves during 1994-95 as under:
   (i) Hosur Sector, Gadag God Field, *Karnataka*
   −0.560 million tonnes of grade 2.16 gms/tonne.
   (ii) Maruda (Central) Wyand—Nilambur Granulites, Malappuram, *Kerala.*
   −1.074 million tonnes of grade 2.96 gms/tonne

III. Bharat Gold Mines (BGML) added 40,000 tonnes of gold ore of grade 3.9 gm/tonne in Nandydroog Mine, Kolar, *Karnataka.*

(c) Since March, 1993, prospecting and mining of gold has been thrown open to private sector companies also.

Controversy Regarding Payment of Salary to Imams

485. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn attention to the controversy eroated in the payment of salaries to Imams in the country; and

(b) if so, the concrete policy of Government in this regard and how Government propose to resolve this issue?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESARI): (a) and (b) A Scheme has been framed by the Central Government and the Central Wakf Council in pursuance of the Supreme Court direction in Civil Writ Petition No. 715 of 1890 filed by All India Imam